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SUBJECT: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR PANAMA CANAL TRETIES
REF: STATE 212181, 210675, CARACAS 8767
ARA FOR AMBASSADOR VAKY, AMBASSADOR POPPER;
WHITE HOUSE - PHIL WISE, WHITE HOUSE ADVANCE OFFICE

1. RECEIVED FROM ACTING FONMIN ABOUT 8:30 EVENING
SEPTEMBER 5 PRESIDENT PEREZ' REWORK OF DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON.
TEXT GIVEN TO ME IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH. IT IS
VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO TEXT SENT IN STATE 210675. FYI
PEREZ APPARENTLY HAD NO PROBLEM WITH SECTION EXCISED
(SEE STATE 212182) END FYI. THERE IS, HOWEVER, ONE
EXTRA FINAL SENTENCE.
ACTING FONMIN STRESSED THIS SENTENCE INTENDED TO STRENGTHEN
PRESIDENT CARTER'S HAND WITH CONGRESS.
ACTING FONMIN ALSO STATED PEREZ NOT WEDDED TO EXACT LANGUAGE

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IN LAST SENTENCE BUT WOULD LIKE CONCEPT TO BE
INCORPORATED INTO DECLARATION.
2. I ASSURED ACTING FONMIN I WOULD TRANSMITE TEXT TO
WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY. I ALSO EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT
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PRESIDENT CARTER RESPECTED PRESIDENT PEREZ AND WAS
GRATEFUL FOR ASSISTANCE RENDERED THUS FAR BOTH WITH
TORRIJOS DURING NEGOTIATIONS AND WITH RESPECT TO THE
SIGNING CEREMONY. FOR THESE REASONS I WAS SURE PRESIDENT
PEREZ' SUGGESTION WOULD RECEIVE CAREFUL ATTENTION IN
WASHINGTON. I POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT EVEN IF IT WERE

ACCEPTABLE TO WASHINGTON AND PANAMA I THOUGHT IT DOUBTFUL THERE WAS STILL TIME TO CIRCULATE IT FOR REACTION TO ALL SIGNERS.

3. ACTING FONMIN ALSO TOLD ME THAT HE HAD ALSO GIVEN THESE TEXTS TO BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR. COMMENT: AS MENTIONED IN CARACAS 8767, PRESIDENT PEREZ THOUGHT BRAZIL WAS DRAGGING ITS FEET ON SIGNING. ALTHOUGH I INFORMED ACTING FONMIN LATE AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 5 THAT BRAZIL WAS PREPARED TO SIGN REVISED TEXT, THEY CALLED IN BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR ANYWAY. IN MY VIEW, THE OBJECTIVE WAS TO ENCOURAGE BRAZIL TO SIGN BY MAKING KNOWN PRESIDENT PEREZ INTEREST IN SIGNATURE BY ALL LA COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT SIGNING CEREMONIES AND BY TRYING TO INVOLVE BRAZIL IN THE PROCESS OF HELPING PRESIDENT CARTER. END COMMENT

4. THE ADDITIONAL SENTENCE SUGGESTED BY PRESIDENT PEREZ WOULD BE ADDED TO FINAL SENTENCE OF DECLARATION AS FURNISHED IN STATE 210675 OR AS AMENDED IN STATE 212182. SENTENCE READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE AND, FINALLY WE,

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THE NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA HEREIN REPRESENTED, TRUST IN THE UNDERSTANDING AND SPIRIT OF HEMISPHERIC FRATERNITY OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. UNQUOTE
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IN SPANISH IT READS: QUOTE Y, FINALMENTE, CONFIAMOS LOS PAISES DE AMERICA LATINA AQUI REPRESENTADOS, EN LA COMPRENSION Y EL ESPIRITU DE CONFRATERNIDAD HEMISFERICA DEL CONGRESO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS. UNQUOTE

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S REACTION SOONEST TO PEREZ LANGUAGE. IF IT CANNOT BE USED, RECOMMEND THAT PRESIDENT CARTER EXPLAIN WHY DURING BILATERAL WHILE THANKING PEREZ FOR HIS COOPERATION AND HELP.

6. ACTING FONMIN SAYS HE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT PEREZ INTENDS TO RAISE WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. LOCAL MEDIA, HOWEVER, REPORT HE WILL RAISE HUMAN RIGHTS AND BOLIVIAN ACCESS TO THE SEA.

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